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SUBJECT: NE WIN'S WIFE PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGED

1. IT WAS IN EFFECT PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED ON JULY 16 THAT
PRESIDENT NE WIN HAS RESUMED LIVING WITH HIS FORMER WIFE
DAW NI NI MYINT WHEN REPORTS APPEARED IN THE GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED
PRESS THAT HE HAD TAKEN HER ON A TOUR OF CENTRAL AND UPPER
BURMA. THE BURMESE NEWSPAPERS REFERRED TO HER AS HIS "WIFE".

2. COMMENT: THE FACT OF HIS RESUMPTION OF CONNUBIAL RELATIONS
WITH NI NI MYINT HAS BEEN COMMON KNOWLEDGE IN BURMA FOR SEVERAL
WEEKS. THERE HAD BEEN NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF HIS DIVORCING
NI NI MYINT PRIOR TO HIS 1976 MARRIAGE TO JUNE ROSE BELLAMY,
WHICH LASTED ONLY A FEW MONTHS. BURMESE LAWS AND TRADITIONS ARE
QUITE FLEXIBLE IN SUCH MARITAL MATTERS, AND A POTENTIALLY
EMBARRASSING RE-MARRIAGE CEREMONY WAS APPARENTLY NOT CONSIDERED NECES
SARY.

3. FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF NI NI MYINT'S STATUS
AS WIFE OF THE PRESIDENT, THE WAY IS NOW CLEAR FOR HER TO TAKE
A MORE PUBLIC ROLE, INCLUDING, WE ASSUME, ACCOMPANYING THE
PRESIDENT ON TRIPS ABROAD (WHICH ARE EXPECTED TO RESUME
SHORTLY.)

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